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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Information Collection Being Submitted for Emergency Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3502 -3520), the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s). Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), via fax at 202-395-5167 or via Internet at [Nicholas A. Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov) <<mailto:Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov>>. Also, please submit your PRA comments to the FCC by email send them to: [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) <<mailto:PRA@fcc.gov>>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith B. Herman, Office of Managing Director, FCC, at 202-418-0214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Commission is seeking emergency OMB approval for this new information collection by July 8, 2013.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-XXXX.

**Title:** Connect America Challenge Process and Certifications.

**Form No.:** FCC Form 505.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal government.

**Number of Respondents:** 113 respondents; 113 responses.

**Estimated Time Per Response:** 10 hours to 20 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirements.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections.

**Total Annual Burden:** 1,260 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** N/A.

**Privacy Act Impact Assessment:** N/A.

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** The Commission is not requesting that respondents submit confidential information to the Commission. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission or to the Administrator be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules. We note that USAC must preserve the

**Needs and Uses:** The Commission will submit this new information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under their emergency processing procedures. The Commission is seeking emergency OMB approval by July 8, 2013.

Under this information collection, the Commission proposes to collect information to determine what areas should be eligible for Phase II of Connect America Fund and to ensure that Connect America Fund Phase I deployment occur in areas that are eligible for support.

This information will be used to determine the amount of, and eligibility for, high-cost universal service support received by incumbent and competitive eligible telecommunications carriers under the Connect America Fund. To aid in collecting this information regarding the Phase II

challenge process in a uniform fashion, the Commission has created the proposed new FCC Form 505, which parties should use in filing their Phase II challenges and responses with the FCC.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Office of Managing Director.

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